

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Plant Application of:  
Wataru MATSUMOTO et al.

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For: BIT ASSIGNMENT IN A COMMUNICATION  
SYSTEM AND COMMUNICATION METHOD

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Examiner: K. C. Harper

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 5, 9, 13, and 31, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.